

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:
 - displaying controls including a first button and a second button;
 - receiving an activation of the first button;**
 - after receiving the activation of the first button,** in response to ~~each~~ **the** activation of the first button:
 - creating an activity item,
 - establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein
 - the establishing **the user-selected activity type** comprises **receiving a user input** selecting a single ~~type of~~ activity **type** from among a plurality of activity types, and
 - the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item,
 - creating an expense item, and
 - ~~consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically~~ **establishing** an expense type for the created expense item, **wherein**
 - the establishing the expense type comprises consulting a pre-determined mapping from activity types to expense types;**
 - receiving an activation of the second button;**
 - and
 - in response to ~~each~~ **the** activation of the second button:
 - creating, **using a computer processor,** a new expense report,
 - adding all created expense items to the created expense report,
 - and
 - submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising, in response to ~~each~~ the activation of the first button:

establishing for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item;
and

~~without user input specifying a date for the created expense item,~~ establishing
for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the
activity item.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable storage medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report
creation button;

after each activation of the activity item creation button, in response to each
activation of the activity item creation button:

creating an activity item,

establishing a user-selected activity type for the activity item, wherein

the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises
receiving a user input selecting a single ~~type of~~ activity
type from among a plurality of activity types, and

the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the
activity item,

creating an expense item, and

~~consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense
types to automatically~~ establishing an expense type for the created
expense item, wherein

the establishing the expense type comprises consulting a pre-
determined mapping from activity types to expense types;

and

in response to each activation of the expense report creation button:

creating a new expense report,

adding all created expense items to the created expense report,
 and
 submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:
 establishing for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item;
 and
~~without user input specifying a date for the created expense item,~~ establishing
 for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:
 a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;
 a first button activation processing subsystem that, after each activation of the first button, in response to each activation of the first button:
 creates an activity item,
 establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item, wherein
 the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises receiving
 a user input selecting exactly one ~~type of~~ activity type
 from among at least two activity types, and
 the user-selected activity type specifies the activity type of the activity item,
 creates an expense item, and
~~uses a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to~~
automatically establishes an expense type for the created expense item, wherein

the establishing the expense type comprises consulting a pre-determined mapping from activity types to expense types;

and

a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the second button:

creates a new expense report,

adds all created expense items to the created expense report,

and

submits the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, in response to each activation of the first button: establishes for the activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and ~~without user input specifying a date for the created expense item,~~ establishes for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the establishing **the user-selected activity type** further comprises: providing **[[a]] the** user with a list of the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the list of the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the application administrator predefines the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types, whether the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types are associated with a particular client, and whether the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types are expensible.
18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the establishing **the user-selected activity type** further comprises: providing a user with a list of the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types.
19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein the list of the ~~at least two~~ **plurality of** activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.
20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.
21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

each of the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

the application administrator predefines the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity types, whether the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity types are associated with a particular client, and whether the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity types are expensible.

23. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the establishing the user-selected activity type further comprises: providing a user with a list of the at least two activity types.

24. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of the at least two activity types is maintained by the user and contains activity types predefined by an application administrator.

25. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

26. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the application administrator predefines the at least two activity types by providing information corresponding to at least one of a description of an activity, itemized tasks associated with the at least two activity types, whether the at least two activity types are associated with a particular client, and

whether the at least two activity types are expensible.